



Success Stories

Rural Women Empowerment



Smt. Shyamali Mondal busy at work, while her daughter stands proudly smiling.

Seeing the plight of the rural youths in getting a decent livelihood, Sri Ramakrishna Sevashram (SRKS) started its vocational training program in 2015. Out of the current 4 courses, the sewing course generated a lot of interest among the rural women from the neighbouring villages. In the last few years, this course has trained dozens of aspiring women willing to get trained and start their own business. We are delighted to bring to you 2 stories of hope, conviction, micro-entrepreneurship and future growth.

Siuli Majhi lives in Taapukur village in South 24 Paraganas district. Siuli lost her husband in a tragic accident and post that came back to stay with her aged parents along with her 10 years old daughter. She knew basic tailoring but it was not enough to support her family. In another village nearby was Shyamali Mondal resident of Ramakrishnapur. She aspired to scale up her sewing business and play a pivotal role in her family's income.

The vocational training at SRKS taught Siuli and Shyamali high skilled sewing. At the start of the course, their work was confined to repair work. Over the 1 year, they learnt stitching entire garments, designing and embroidery work. They gained knowledge in raw material selections and improved speed of work too. Post training, the change is that both of them confidently accepts work directly from the customers rather than via any shop or middle-men. They are masterfully stitching high priced items like *Patiala* clothes, frock, new blouses, etc. Both of these SRKS students monthly income have more than doubled now. With the initial 'nudge' from SRKS – both of this rural women are grateful for the vocational training.

We too are thankful to the sewing teacher and our well-wishers, especially our long-standing kind donor from Narendrapur who have made the vocational training program sustainable. It is immensely satisfying to us. Thank you ALL. [Support us](#) to scale up.